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USDA announces wheat program

By TOM CONRAD

USDA ANNOUNCES MORE 1982 WHEAT PROGRAM PROVISIONS - Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block recently outlined the U. S. Department of Agriculture's reduced acreage and conservation plans for the 1982 wheat crop. Block said these decisions are contingent on the U. S. Congress passing a new farm bill which authorizes the actions.

Block said farmers who wish to become eligible for price support loans, target price protection and the farmer-owned reserve program must comply with all reduced-acreage requirements. There will be no payments for reduced plantings, Block said.

Block said participating farmers must reduce their acreage of wheat planted for harvest by at least 15 percent from their established wheat acreage base. The base will be the 1981 planted wheat acreage adjusted in cases where there is a regular crop rotation for wheat, he said.

Secondly, farmers must devote to conservation uses an area equal to 17.65 percent of their 1982 wheat acreage planted for harvest (planted 1982 wheat acreage x 17.65 percent equals acreage devoted to conservation uses).

For example, Block said, a farmer with a 1981 planted acreage of 100 acres must plant no more than 85 acres of wheat for 1982 to become eligible for the program. The 15 acres reduced (17.65 percent of 85 acres) must be devoted to a conservation use. If the farmer planted fewer than the allowed 85 of wheat acres, he or she would be permitted to devote fewer acres to a conservation use. For example, if this farmer planted only 50 acres of wheat, he or she could devote only 8.8 acres to conservation uses (17.65 percent of 50 acres).

The land taken from production and devoted to conservation uses must be eligible cropland, must be protected from wind and water erosion and may not be mechanically harvested. However, farmers will be permitted to graze this acreage except during the six principal growing months.

Farmers participating in the reduced acreage program on one farm must assure USDA that they are not exceeding the 1981 wheat base on any other farms they own or operate.

Farmers are not required to participate in the wheat program to qualify for program benefits on other crops grown on the farm, Block said.

VIRGINIA FARMERS TO PRODUCE 51 MILLION BUSHELS OF CORN - Corn growers in Virginia expect to produce 51 million bushels of corn for grain in 1981, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture's August crop production report. This figure compares with 32.7 million bushels produced in 1980 and 51 million in 1979.

Growers expect to average 85 bushels per acre this year, compared to 55 last year, and 83 two years ago.

U. S. corn production is currently forecast at 7.73 billion bushels, 16 percent above last year's crop. "If realized, a crop of this size will be the second largest of record, exceeded only by the 1979 crop," USDA officials said.

Virginia farmers expect to harvest 600 thousand acres of corn in 1981, compared to 595 thousand acres in 1980 and 615 thousand acres in 1979.

The U. S. corn supply for 1981/82 is forecast at 8.75 billion bushels, 8 percent above last season. Corn prices may average from $2.70 to $3.15 a bushel, compared with $3.15 estimated for 1980/81.

Exports of corn in 1981/82 will likely remain near this season's estimated 2.4 billion bushels, according to the USDA report.

MARYLAND TOBACCO INFORMATION - I have been advised by Agricultural Marketing Service that they will have an inspector present for inspection and certification of nonquota tobacco at Free State Packing Corporation, Kenbridge, Virginia on the following dates: October 29 and 30, 1981; November 5 and 6, 1981; February 1 and 2, 1982. Maryland producers are required to have their tobacco inspected and certified prior to its leaving the state. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Lucado chosen

B. J. Lucado of Appomattox will represent local Southern States Cooperative members at the Cooperative's district election meeting to be held October 7 at the Holiday Inn-South in Lynchburg. Ronald Coleman and Dan G. Coleman co-managers of the local Southern States retail outlet will also attend.

The session will elect a member of the cooperative to serve on its Board of Directors for the next three years. The member elected will be confirmed at the cooperative's 58th annual stockholder's meeting in Richmond, Va., on November 18 and 19. The group will also select a nominating committee for the 1984 election meeting.

The program for the Lynchburg meeting will include a talk by R. W. Bryan, the cooperative's director of member and institutional relations, who will discuss "Cooperative Crises."

T. H. Garnett Jr. of Roanoke, a regional manager for Southern States will be in charge of arrangements for the meeting.

Farm Bureau

Fall meeting set

The annual fall dinner meeting of the Appomattox County Farm Bureau will be held Oct. 3, 1981 at 6:30 p.m. in the Appomattox County High School cafeteria. This will be a catered meal.

The Women's committee is sponsoring several events. So we urge you to participate in as many of the following events as possible.

1. The essay contest: "What I like about Farm Life", for ages 11-16. The essay must contain not less than 400 words. Judged on originality of thought, method of expression, neatness, correct spelling and sentence structure. Prizes - 1st $15.00, 2nd $10.00 and 3rd $5.00.

2. Centerpiece contest: "Country Charm From The Farm" (Christmas theme). No higher or wider than 18 inches-solid base-will be viewed from all sides. Arrangement may be made with any material in keeping with the theme "Country Charm From The Farm", such as plants, flowers, grain, seeds, yarn, wood, vegetables, fruits, etc. They may be fresh or dried. Prizes - 1st $10.00, 2nd $6.00 and 3rd $4.00.

3. There will be an apple pie contest and a pumpkin pie contest. Prizes - 1st a cookbook, 2nd $3.00, and 3rd $2.00.

4. A "Farm Bureau Handicrafts Table" will be set up to display any handicrafts you have made. (Display only-no prizes). Share your talents with us by bringing some of your handicrafts.

Mr. S. T. Moore, our Virginia Farm Bureau President, is planning to be at this meeting. This will give you an opportunity to meet him.

Our County Farm Bureau continues to grow. We now have 530 members, this is 72 members over our 1981 quota. This growth is due to the efforts of all our members and our Insurance Advisor, Perry McCraw. Please check with him for all of your insurance needs. Also, our Blue Cross/Blue Shield group administor is our county office secretary, Brenda Goin. If there is any questions concerning BCBS feel free to contact her at our county office.

Mt. Shiloh news

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

A large number of members attended regular morning service last Sunday. Rev. Yuille's subject was "It's Harvest Time." He conveyed to the members that seeds have to be planted in order to have a crop to harvest. The spirit was high as Rev. Yuille continued the morning worship with moments of meditation and altar call. He prayed fervently for those who specifically desired prayer and for everyone, because we all are in need of prayer. The choir sang heavenly echoes of praises and Dea. Calvin Elliott sang two beautiful solos.

Plans have been completed for the appreciation service for the Pastor Emeritus, Rev. R. Q. Lawing. The program will be held at Mt. Shiloh on October 25, 1981 at 4:00 p.m. Rev. Winston R. Jones, pastor of First Baptist of South Lynchburg, will be the guest speaker and one of his choirs will render music. An appeal is being made for the presence of teaching co-workers who taught at Carver-Price with Rev. Lawing. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Remember to keep the prayer lines open.

Have a good week!

Jordan news

The Spiritual Knights will be sponsoring a program here the first Sunday night in October (Oct. 4), at 7:00 p.m. Appearing in the program will be the Peaceful Grove Community Chorus, the Spiritualettes, the Chiods of Joy and the Spiritual Knights. The public is invited to attend.

The Young Adult Choir will be celebrating their anniversary, Sunday, Oct. 11, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

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